Sailor's Safe Return   (Song 3)

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Refrain 2

Count your bless - ings one two three with a   Safe re - turn on a roll - ing sea

1 When the night is cold and dreary	*(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
Ev'ry man on board is weary	*(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
Come all you men of high renown	
As the evening sun goes down	
Count your blessings one, two, three ... with a	*(Safe return on a rolling sea)*
2 When the seas run high as mountains	*(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
And the waves run up like fountains	*(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
A sailor's prayer where e'er he be	
Pray to the Lord for delivery	
Save my soul from eternity ... with a	*(Safe return on a rolling sea)*
3 Ships at the staith-head, side-lights blinking	*(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
Down at the *Cable* sailors drinking	*(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
A toast in porter, wine and ale	
To each man Jack before he sail	
As he spends his money free ... for a	*(Safe return on a rolling sea)*
4 Time to haul and weigh your anchor	*(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
Sailing for a merchant banker	*(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
Brave the raging sea once more	
The Owner's safe and warm on shore	
Counts his pennies - one, two, three ... it's a	*(Safe return <u>from</u> a rolling sea)*

5   Ask no questions - you're a sailor   *(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
    A collier-brig is better than a whaler   *(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
       If you won't sail for what it's worth
       A hundred more will take your berth
    Trust to the Lord for delivery ... and a   *(Safe return on a rolling sea)*

6   In the long watch, sailor dreaming   *(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
    Waves over-run in the lightning gleaming   *(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
       Jump for your life as the ship goes down
       If you can't swim you'll surely drown
    Wake in a sweat and you hope it'll be ... a   *(Safe return on a rolling sea)*

7   Fifty years in every weather   *(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
    VISITER does her best endeavour   *(Pray for a sailor's safe return)*
       For fifty years in wind and rain
       And every time she's home again
    Each man back to his family ... with a   *(Safe return on a rolling sea)*